

REMARKS

This is in response to the final rejection of June 23, 2008. Reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Gokcebay et al. reference (US 6374653) is cited as showing, “a remote transponder for exchanging a wireless signal.” The Office Action specifically cites the key as incorporating a transponder and that there are, “no wires that connect the key to the lock cylinder.”

However, as noted in the Office Action, the key is coupled to the lock cylinder via a “contact point.” Thus, the key actually provides an electrical pathway for carrying an electrical signal. Therefore, Gokcebay shows a wire connection.

On contrast, the claimed invention relates to “wireless” transmission of the signal. As is well known in the art, the term “wireless” refers to transmission of a signal without requiring physical contact. This is in contrast to Gokcebay et al. which does require such physical contact.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: /Judson K. Champlin/
Judson K. Champlin, Reg. No. 34,797
900 Second Avenue South, Suite 1400
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312

JKC:lrs